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FACE CUT, CLIMAX TO CHURCH ROW

NEGROES TAKE UP QUARREL OF WIVES

Something Doing When Victim's Spouse Tells "Brother Mattison" to Come Across With Her Full Subscription to Church Fund.

A cutting affray took place on Wednesday night of last week at the home of James Mattison, 311 North Huntington street, resulting in serious injuries to Peter Anderson, the victim, and the binding over to the grand jury of Gus Smallwood on a charge of cutting to wound, the bond being fixed at \$500 by Justice W. P. Ainsworth, before whom the case was heard. Both the victim and accused are colored men.

Part of Anderson's left ear was severed and a gash cut along the side of his face nearly to the mouth. Dr. G. J. Damon attended Anderson, the wound requiring fourteen stitches.

The trouble was the culmination of a wrangle between Anderson's wife, Anna, and Mattison's wife, Emma, over the division of church subscriptions.

For some time it has been the ambition of the colored folk of the village to erect a new church building. Erstwhile they have been holding religious meetings in an old tenement building on Brown street just west of Huntington. Subscriptions and donations it is said, have been made for this purpose, and not long ago a lot was purchased for a site. A provision it appears was made in soliciting funds, that in the event the project was abandoned, subscribers were to have their money returned to them.

It was on the night of the trouble that a meeting was held at the Mattison home for an accounting of the subscriptions, it having been decided to abandon the church project. Mattison had been the bookkeeper and it was left to him to state the amount of each subscription to be returned.

On the witness stand Mrs. Anderson stated that the amount returned to her was \$5 short, and she promptly called "Brother" Mattison's attention to the fact. According to Mrs. Anderson, Mattison declared that the \$5 had been "donated" to the cause, and that if every woman who "donated" money was to have it restored to her, there "would be nothing left for the men."

At this, testified Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Mattison butted in, accusing Mrs. Anderson of theft, and denying that she had any money coming to her. Then there was something doing. The women "tied in" and the respective husbands and others of the church flock attempted to separate the women.

Just why Smallwood and Anderson came together was not definitely brought out at the hearing, but it was testified that Smallwood was the aggressor in striking Anderson in the face. Anderson then landed one on Smallwood, whereupon the latter brought about the climax by slashing Anderson across the face.

Smallwood disappeared after the affray, but was finally located at the home of a relative in Elyria, where the officials of that city placed him under arrest. Sheriff Bigelow and Deputy Hange brought Smallwood to Medina on Sunday.

Smallwood is employed as a molder at the foundry and has lived in Medina since 1915. He was represented at the hearing by Attorney Geo. Smith.

SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTE HELD AT WEYMOUTH

The Farmers' Institute at Weymouth last Saturday was well attended, and the addresses and discussions were of unusual interest and value.

The committee in charge departed from the customary procedure of this year in the selection of more local speakers and fewer foreign ones, and the innovation was very favorably accepted and commented upon.

Of the former, interesting talks were given by D. C. Babcock on "Potato Growing", Rev. R. K. Caulk on "Community Spirit", and County Nurse Hanna on "Rural Health Conditions". Other speakers were L. J. Rummel, associate editor of the Ohio Farmer and C. G. Williams of the Ohio Experiment Station, both of whose addresses were interesting and helpful.

In the evening a moving picture entertainment was given by E. W. Barnes of the Y. M. C. A., assisted by V. C. Osgood of the Delco Light.

Excellent music was featured under the direction of J. W. Tuttle.

B. & O. HITS AUTO; MEDINA MAN HURT

One of the three men was injured Monday morning when the auto in which they were riding was struck by the south-bound B. & O. passenger train at the crossing at Valley City station.

Roy Beisel, owner of the car and driver, was severely injured on one of his legs and is still laid up at 235 South Jefferson street, where he resides. His companions were his brother, Sherman Beisel, and Ralph Heald. The men are gas well drillers and were on their way to work.

Roy Beisel says he saw the train approaching and was slowing his car to stop, but failed to do so quickly enough and the machine bumped into the locomotive when the latter was midway of the crossing. The auto was badly wrecked and was hauled back to Medina for repairs. The injured man returned to Medina on the same train by which he was hurt.

DEXTER GAINING RECORD AS ACCOMPLISHED LIAR

David Dexter, the stranger who surrendered to Sheriff Bigelow three weeks ago with a confession to having committed a crime for which another man had been convicted and was serving a prison term at Leavenworth, is evidently an accomplished liar.

At the time he surrendered to Sheriff Bigelow, Dexter stated that he himself had previously served time in Leavenworth, but had been paroled to Robert Hartley, a friend, in the employ of the Mercantile Lunch Co., New York city. Dexter said he also became an employee of the company as assistant to Hartley. The latter was entrusted with the transferring of the company's pay roll money from the bank to the office. One day, according to Dexter, Hartley asked the former to take the money to the office. Instead of doing so, Dexter says he skipped out with it, and Hartley was convicted of the theft and sent to Leavenworth prison.

Sheriff Bigelow wired the New York police department and received a reply that Dexter had surrendered no less than twenty times in many different places in the country and was not wanted there.

Later the Sheriff wrote the Mercantile Lunch Co., who replied that they had never had a robbery and that Robert Hartley was at present in their employ and had never been arrested in his life.

In the face of both the statement of the police department and that of the Mercantile Lunch Co., Dexter still adheres to his original story. He explains the Mercantile Lunch Co.'s attitude by saying that the company probably discovered that Hartley was not the culprit and, to fortify themselves against a damage suit by Hartley, came to his defense and reinstated him in his position.

Sheriff Bigelow states that he has just about become convinced that Dexter is very talented, even picturesque fabricator, and together with the fact that the latter is both to leave the jail, as of the opinion that Dexters services of surrenders and semblance of remorse is merely a contrivance to live without working.

Dexter is a perfect picture of physical manhood, an expert in physical culture, the manual of arms, and also claims to be an accomplished cornetist. If he can connect with a jail two or three weeks every time he confesses, and has already surrendered twenty times, it is safe to assume that his health has not been seriously impaired by over work during the past twelve months.

Sheriff Bigelow will turn Dexter out upon the cold and merciless world some time this week unless something turns up to warrant holding him. This will give him a whole week to locate some other fertile field in which to surrender before Xmas.

TRAIN HAS DIFFICULTY IN GETTING TO AKRON

The east-bound train on the Northern Ohio had a hard time in getting to Akron on Wednesday night of last week, and presented a rather misfit appearance on its arrival there.

Three engines, two of them disabled, one freight car, a caboose and a passenger car pulled into the mid-city just four and one-half hours late, bringing into the city many who had set out in the afternoon for a little shopping trip and who had to spend the night in the city.

The train had been held up by a disabled freight train just west of Medina and the engine sent to relieve the freight locomotive itself broke down. Meanwhile hunger was making itself felt with those aboard, including the crew, and the passenger engineer finally had the freight train switched out of the way, hooked up the crippled and pulled out slowly for Akron.

As the train rolled into Copley, a passenger who was returning from Medina was met by his daughter with a supply of sandwiches, which were shared with the other famished passengers on the car.

FARMERS' MILK CO. RE-ELECTS INGERSOLL

The Ohio Farmers' Co-operative Milk Co., at a meeting held in Cleveland Tuesday night, re-elected H. W. Ingersoll of Elyria as president of the company.

Previously Ingersoll had been opposed by many members for re-election on the charge that he owned stock in the Telling-Belle-Vernon Co., to which the farmers' milk concern sells most of its product.

Mr. Ingersoll produced an affidavit signed by the secretary of the Telling-Belle-Vernon Co. to the effect that neither Mr. Ingersoll nor any member of his family had ever owned any stock in that company.

S. H. Bartlett of Geauga county was elected vice president. Mr. Hull, Z. A. Kent of Portage county, Simon Jennings of Cuyahoga county, John Indoe of Medina county, were named to act with the president and vice president as members of the executive committee.

ARRESTED FOR DESERTION

A. D. Pyles, a workman on the construction line of the B. & O., was arrested Saturday by Sheriff Bigelow at the White Front restaurant, where he boarded, on a charge of deserting his children in Madison county, Ohio. Sheriff Bigelow received a telephone message from Sheriff Dan McGuire of Madison county, stating that Pyle was wanted there and indicated where he might be found. McGuire arrived in Medina Saturday evening and took Pyle back with him.

ANNUAL MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL

GOOD REPORTS GIVEN OF YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

New Officers Installed—Committee Appointed to Arrange Xmas Celebration, and to Cooperate With Clubs in Charity Work.

The annual meeting of the Community Council was held Monday evening at the Sylvester Library, and was largely attended.

The meeting was called for the twofold purpose of transferring the official duties of the organization to the new officers elected last month the appointment of the various committees, and to arrange for a public Christmas celebration and the extending of Christmas remembrances to the less fortunate of the community.

The meeting was called to order by the retiring president, H. Y. Ziegler, who listened to the reports from the chairman of the various committees of the year's activities. Mr. Ziegler complimented the chairman for their faithfulness and achievements.

The new officers are: President, Blake McDowell; vice president, D. C. Shepard; secretary, Mrs. H. C. West; treasurer, B. Hendrickson; chairman of the executive committee, H. G. Rowe, who was directed to name the remaining members of his committee, which he did. They are Dr. W. A. Nichols, E. B. Spitzer, Dr. C. D. Freeman and Mrs. F. O. Phillips.

At the suggestion of Chairman Rowe, and approved by the Council, he will name only the chairman of the various other committees, each chairman to select his own helpers, it being the opinion that this arrangement will make for more efficient work.

For the purpose of expediting the plans for Christmas, however, a deviation was made from the above accepted arrangement, so far as the Committee on Charity is concerned. Chairman Rowe appointing the following members, who were instructed to cooperate with the Red Cross, Kiwanis Club, American Legion and, if agreeable to them, the ladies of the W. C. T. U., in distributing baskets to the needy families in the village: Mrs. C. E. Hoover, H. H. Hartzog, Mrs. J. B. Webber, N. S. Kellogg and Karl Lutz.

Mrs. P. C. Bigelow was named chairman of the Christmas Observance committee, and will select those whom she wishes to assist her in this work. Chairman Rowe deferred appointment of chairman for the several other committees of the Community Council until later.

Some discussion was had as to what the character of the Christmas community celebration should be, the consensus of opinion being that the singing of carols by children on Christmas eve, a custom that has been followed here for the past few years, should again be featured, and that the time-honored Christmas tree be given its usual prominent position in the park, as the hallowed symbol of the joyous occasion. While it is probable that both of these suggestions will form part of the celebration, the entire arrangement has been entrusted to the direction of Mrs. Bigelow, whose experience, energy and resourcefulness gives her judgment that may safely be relied upon.

ANOTHER MEDINA BOY SUCCESSFUL LECTURER

Mr. W. E. Adams, a former Medina man, was shaking hands with a few of his old friends and acquaintances last Friday, while en route to Grangerburg, where he delivered an address, "Nations of Destiny." Friday night, as a number of the Granger lecture course.

Mr. Adams graduated from the Medina high school in the class of 1885, following which he studied law here in the office of Bostwick, Bernad & Garrett, never practicing the profession, however. Later he studied at Hiram college and became a professor in that institute.

By chance, he says, he drifted into platform work, for some years being associated with the Ratzliff Chautauqua Bureau, more recently following lyceum work exclusively.

Mr. Adams is an old friend of Adrian M. Newens, another Medina boy who has achieved distinction on the lecture platform and who it will be remembered delivered a lecture at the local Chautauqua last August.

Mr. Adams is a son of the late Samuel Adams of Medina, who will be remembered by many of the older residents of the community, and resides in Seattle, Washington. He has been in Medina but a very few times since he left here, and not before for a great many years.

NURSE HANNA IN WRECK

County Nurse Constance Hanna, accompanied by Miss Mary Tripp of Lake Division of Red Cross, Cleveland, who is organizing Home Hygiene classes in the county, were in an auto collision last Friday that might have resulted in serious injury to both ladies, but which luckily did not injure them at all.

They were driving around the circle at Brunswick when a car driven by Mr. VanDeusen of Hinkley ran headlong into Miss Hanna's car, smashing the fenders and radiator, and shattering a front wheel of VanDeusen's car. VanDeusen attributes the accident to the beforesaid condition of his windshield which obstructed the approaching machine until too late to turn out. Both machines were temporarily disabled, but none was injured.

MRS. E. L. GANYARD RESPONDS TO CALL

DEATH COMES TO WELL-KNOWN MEDINA WOMAN

Greater Part of Life Was Spent in Granger Township—Funeral Was Held Here Monday—Interment Made in Granger Cemetery.

Mrs. Elula L. Ganyard, wife of Medill Ganyard, died last Friday at the family home on West Washington street, following a two weeks' illness of tubercular meningitis.

The deceased was the oldest daughter of W. G. and Kate Hoddinott, and was born Dec. 2, 1869, in Coddingtonville, Ohio.

She became the wife of Medill Ganyard on Sept. 6, 1893, to this union was born one son. With her husband she came to Medina from Granger, this county, about eight years ago, and had resided here ever since.

In early life she united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Granger, and on coming to Medina united with the Methodist church here. She was a devotedly Christian woman, faithful in the many responsibilities that were hers, and was loved and esteemed by a wide circle of friends and relatives.

Of the immediate family of the deceased there survive the husband, one son, Layton Ganyard of Springfield, O.; two step-sons, E. D. Ganyard of Chicago, and Vernon L. Ganyard of Ashtabula, O.; and one step-daughter, Mrs. Geo. H. Smith of Medina, also the aged father of Medina, four sisters, Mrs. Clayton Benjamin of Cleveland, Mrs. Chas. Shook and Mrs. Wm. E. Hman of Hinkley this county, and Miss Myra Hoddinott of Medina; a brother, Roy Hoddinott also resides in Medina.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the M. E. church, by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Bryenton, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Granger.

The members of the family from other localities were present at the obsequies.

NUT & BOLT CO. CASE TO BE HEARD FRIDAY

Airing of the Safety Nut & Bolt Co.'s affairs, which was to have taken place before Judge Levine in Cleveland on Monday, was again postponed until Friday of this week.

Another meeting of local stockholders was held last Friday night at the court house, at which thirty or more were present and at which time it was definitely decided by the stockholders that each should subscribe \$250 for every one of his shares, to create a fund with which to proceed against the Safety Nut & Bolt Co. officials for an accounting and a return, so far as possible, of the amount paid in for stock.

Jos. A. Seymour, retained by the investors to represent their interests, will be at the hearing in Cleveland on Friday.

Former manager of the company, Wm. Burke through whose action the company's business methods are to be uncovered, was present at the meeting here last Friday night. The company is now in the hands of a receiver, who reports that of the \$200,000 or more received by the company in the sale of stock, about \$25,000 in cash is available for pro rata distribution among stockholders, upon order from the court.

There are at least two hundred and sixty stockholders in the Safety Nut & Bolt Co. in Medina alone, it is said, other neighboring counties having been hit to about the same extent, and whose investors have already taken action to protect themselves as those in Medina have done.

EX-SHERIFF YOUNG IS OUT OF PRACTICE

One day last week Sheriff Bigelow deputized Ex-Sheriff Al Young to take a lad to the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster. The boy was Will Hurlbaeus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hurlbaeus of West Friendship street, who had been adjudged incorrigible.

Reaching Columbus Al discovered that he would have to wait two or more hours for an interurban car for Lancaster. Thinking he might be able to make a quicker connection over a steam railroad, he went into a telephone booth to call up the station. When he emerged the boy was gone.

Al made a hurried search of the immediate locality, but saw nothing but big buildings and strange faces. All of which may be attributed to the years that Al has been aloof from criminal surroundings, during which his hand has doubtless lost its cunning.

LATER—Young Hurlbaeus returned to Medina on Monday, was seen by a number of acquaintances, but was successful in eluding the officials.

To a friend he gave as his reason for returning that he was short of money and came to collect some from a man who owed him. It is probable that he was successful, as he had money when he appeared at the home of John Sprinkle Tuesday night. Shortly after Hurlbaeus left the house, Sprinkle's son, Russell, disappeared and neither boy has been seen here since. Sprinkle's father says that he has reasons for believing that the boys went to Massillon, and he will attempt to locate them. A brother of Sprinkle is said to have stated that Hurlbaeus declared his intention of leaving the state.

FATHERS OF VILLAGE MET TUESDAY NIGHT

The village council met in regular session Tuesday night, and although together until rather late, transacted but little business.

The first two hours was devoted to passing upon the usual monthly bills, which were not very numerous. F. O. Phillips represented the Sago family in a complaint by the latter that an open ditch on their premises northeast of town is polluted by overflow from the disposal plant. The Sago family offer to stand the cost of labor in correcting the condition if the village will furnish tile. The matter was referred to Supt. Fretter of the water works for his recommendation.

A complaint from Chas. Wertz that the condition of South Elmwood street is such as to interfere with the driving in and out with the Sargent & Wertz hearse, was referred to the street committee.

T. P. Kellogg filed his final estimate of the paving of North Court street, the amount being \$7863.02. Practically a like amount is due from the C. S. & C. railroad for its proportion of the cost, the latter being in excess of the original estimate owing to extra work and material requested subsequent to the acceptance of the original specifications. The above amount was allowed by council.

An understanding between Kellogg and the council was that the village should advance the railroad's part of the cost, collecting same from the latter later, which arrangement was agreed to by the railroad company.

An ordinance was passed a few weeks ago to sell bonds with which to secure this money, but the legality of the method has been questioned. It has been stated by a local attorney that as the railroad company technically is not an obutting property owner to the improved road, council cannot sell its bonds for this purpose.

A well-known bonding house in Cleveland has stated that this practice has been followed from time to time in other cities, and that their company has unhesitatingly bought such bonds. Local banks, however, are not of the same opinion and representatives of the banks went to Cleveland Wednesday for the purpose of ascertaining just how far they can go with safety in the matter.

Should they bring back an adverse report, new legislation will have to be enacted to secure the money in some other way, not yet decided upon.

THE RED CROSS ROLL CALL STILL CALLING

The fourth Red Cross Roll Call which was launched in November and which it was hoped could be put across within the prescribed time, tho still in process is not meeting with the degree of success anticipated by those who have the campaign in charge.

Up to the present time about \$1300 has been collected from memberships in Medina village, but there are a number of families that have not been solicited. Only four townships have so far made returns. They are Brunswick, Montville, Spencer and Lafayette. Brunswick has not completed its canvass, but has turned in what money has been collected, something less than \$100. Montville turned in about \$80, Spencer about \$300, and Lafayette about \$100, the last three townships named having completed their work. Thus less than \$2000 in cash represents the result of the Red Cross Roll Call in Medina county to date.

In an effort to bring the roll call to a prompt and successful close, Mr. L. H. Randall, chairman of the County Roll Call committee, makes the following final appeal to citizens generally: "Most of the men and women of Medina have responded generously and promptly to the Red Cross fourth roll call. But we are still behind our quota by several hundred dollars. Some have not been solicited, or have been skipped in the general canvass made, and some have not given who ought to give and who, it is hoped will give.

"The Red Cross appeals to all in Medina village who have not yet given, but who are willing to give to leave their contributions at any of the following places: W. J. Wall's, Simerman & Bachtel's, Clarence Rickard at the Medina County National Bank, or at the Red Cross office, Gazette Block.

"Let no man of us shirk. The poor and suffering of the world need every dollar that can be given."

(Signed) L. H. Randall, Chairman Roll Call Committee.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

Several schools have reported to County Superintendent Utery the completion of their quota in the present sale of Christmas seals. A detailed report will be given in these columns later. To those sections where the sale is now at its height it might be stated that the purpose of the sale is twofold:

1. To promote the health and sanitary conditions of the home school by the retention of 80 per cent. of the proceeds of the sales.

2. To assist in the prevention and care of tuberculosis.

The Christmas Seal sale is endorsed by Governor Cox; Vernon M. Riegel, State Supt. of Public Instruction; A. T. Arnold, General Secretary of Ohio Sunday School association; Dr. Livingston Farrand, National Chairman of the American Red Cross; Hugh K. Martin of The American Legion; The State Board of Health, etc.

Ten cents from each man, woman and child in the United States is the goal of the national, state and local organizations. Fifteen counties and cities exceeded their quota last year. Let's put Medina county over the top this year.

SPECIAL THRIFT PROMOTION PLAN

COUNTY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ORGANIZED

School Heads and All Organizations to Co-operate in the Nation-Wide Movement Toward More Judicious Saving and Spending.

In keeping with the nation-wide movement toward more judicious saving and spending of money, a County Thrift Week committee has been organized in Medina county composed of the following:

E. F. Gibbs (chairman), representing County Y. M. C. A.; B. Hendrickson representing Bankers; E. B. Spitzer, representing Kiwanis Club; L. H. Randall, representing Life Insurance men; Harry Coddling, representing Real Estate men; N. H. Flickinger, representing County Ministerial Assn.; Miss Minnie Wells, representing County Red Cross; C. B. Utery, representing Public Schools; Dawson S. Longacre, representing Winwah Club; Mrs. M. O. Hallock, representing King's Daughters.

The promotion of special thrift ideals and methods will be promoted through the schools, churches, factories, theatres, club and organization meetings and anywhere in the county desired by those in charge.

Miss Wells and Mr. Randall compose a sub-committee on special speakers' bureau and will be prepared to furnish able speakers on Thrift Week topics for any organization, special noon shop or office meetings, 4-minute speakers at the theaters, etc.

Under the direction of Mr. Utery a very comprehensive presentation of the principles of thrift will be given in the schools beginning Jan. 1. This is now compulsory by state law in all public schools, but in connection with the general observance of Thrift week throughout the county it will be doubly effective.

It was suggested at the County Ministerial association, December meeting, that each pastor in the county especially observe Sunday, Jan. 23, as Thrift Sunday, preaching on some phase of the present economic problems as they relate to Christianity. Also that Sunday schools and Young People's society consider some of the fundamental points of such a topic.

A number of merchants throughout the county have taken up the idea of incorporating the Thrift Idea Week in to their commercial advertising and window displays. The county committee will have many interesting charts and posters for use in such show-window trimming.

The committee asked that all women's clubs throughout the county consider the possibility of a thrift program at their January meeting, possibly taking up the family budget idea and its use. There will be full material for such a program available by Jan. 1.

Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. groups are planning an effective presentation of thrift at their regular meetings in January or Thrift Week.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF MASONIC BLUE LODGE

This month marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Masonic order in Medina village, and the occasion will be properly celebrated by the present membership on Monday night of next week.

The program will take place in the lodge rooms following a dinner at the Congregational church at 6 o'clock.

Two men high in Masonic circles will deliver addresses. They are Robert E. Lee of Akron, State Chapter officer, and John R. Slaton of Dayton, Grand Master of State Lodge. It is expected that about two hundred will be present at both the dinner and the lodge room observance.

NEW YEAR'S RECITAL

Music lovers of Medina and vicinity will gladly learn of the coming song recital to be given by Mrs. P. C. Bigelow, on New Year's eve, Dec. 31, in the Methodist church, as the second of the series of musicals being given under the direction of the local Epworth League. Mrs. Bigelow will give the same recital in the Congregational church at Lakewood, Jan. 4, as a prelude to one of Lakewood's lecture course numbers. Miss Florence Sipher, violinist, will assist.

The chief feature of the evening's program will be Gounod's "Ave Maria" with organ, piano and violin accompaniment to Mrs. Bigelow's singing of this beautiful solo. Several violin, organ and piano trios will also be played.

Mrs. H. Y. Ziegler will accompany the soloists on the piano and John Beck will ipreside at the organ. An offering will be taken to help toward the paying of the stop for the new organ which is given in honor of Rev. Kelsier by the young people.

SIREN A FAILURE

The new siren installed last week by the fire department on its initial try-out proved a failure. It sounded like the dismal cry of a lost soul. It is doubtful if the sound could be distinguished from an auto horn an hundred yards away from the public square. Chief Wise thinks that the trouble may be in the motor, the winding of which may not be adapted to the 25-cycle current used in the village. He has filed complaint with the manufacturers, who have given assurance that the siren will be placed in a satisfactory condition.